IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title : Radio-based Hazard Warning Apparatus

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated August 3, 2010, reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application are respectfully requested. Claims 13-27 remain pending.

Claims 13, 15-19 and 22-27 are rejected for anticipation under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) in view of the article "Wireless Vehicle-to-Vehicle Warning System" by Passmann et al ("Passmann"). This ground of rejection is respectfully traversed.

Passmann does not anticipate claim 13 because Passmann does not expressly or inherently disclose that:

- 1. received data includes information regarding position, speed and direction of travel of the at least one other vehicle; and
- 2. a chronological profile of the relevance measure is determined by repeatedly determining the relevance measure.

Passmann discloses a vehicle-to-vehicle warning system in which a first vehicle uses a variety of information to determine whether to generate an alert message. When an alert message is generated, it is sent to a second vehicle, which evaluates the alert message for relevance to the second vehicle. Although Passmann does not explicitly disclose the content of the alert message,